

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 10-13 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 4, 9, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 20 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display comprising:
 - a first panel having inner and outer surfaces;
 - a second panel facing the first panel and having inner and outer surfaces;
 - a pixel electrode provided on the inner surface of the first panel;
 - a common electrode provided on the inner surface of the second panel; and
 - a liquid crystal layer between the first and the second panels, wherein the liquid crystal layer is vertically aligned in the absence of an electric field, and

wherein a voltage value of a first gray representing the darkest state applied between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is within a voltage range for yielding a quotient greater than or equal to about 0.8 and less than about 1 for all viewing angles when a contrast ratio at the voltage value is divided by a contrast ratio when the voltage applied between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is zero.

2. (previously presented) The liquid crystal display of claim 1 further comprising first and second polarizers disposed on respective outer surfaces of the first and the second panels.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The liquid crystal display of claim [[3]] 1, further comprising a domain-defining member for restricting the tilt directions of molecules in the liquid crystal layer, provided in one or both of the first and the second panels.
5. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 4, wherein the domain-defining member is openings in the pixel electrode or the common electrode.
6. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 5, wherein the voltage value of the first gray is equal to or lower than 1.4 V.
7. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 6, wherein the openings are provided in both the pixel electrode and the common electrode.
8. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 7, wherein regions divided by the openings are classified into four domains depending on the tilt directions of the liquid crystal molecules.
9. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display comprising:
 - a first and second panel, each having inner and outer surfaces, with inner surfaces facing each other;
 - a pixel electrode disposed on the inner surface of the first panel and a common electrode disposed on the inner surface of the second panel; and
 - a liquid crystal layer having crystal molecules disposed between the first and

second panels, wherein

the liquid crystal layer is vertically aligned in the absence of an electric field.

a domain defining member is formed in the common electrode and the pixel electrode for restricting the tilt directions of the crystal molecules, the domain defining member including a longitudinal opening in the pixel electrode dividing a portion of the pixel electrode into two partitions and an aperture in the common electrode having at least one longitudinal portion dividing one of the two partitions when the aperture in the common electrode is projected on the pixel electrode, and

the voltage value of a first gray is equal to or lower than 1.4 V.

10. – 13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The display according to claim 9, wherein the domain defining member further includes a plurality of openings in the pixel electrode and in the common electrode arranged laterally along a longitudinal direction, with at least one opening disposed in a direction transverse to the longitudinal direction.

15. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display comprising:
a first panel having inner and outer surfaces;
a second panel facing the first panel and having inner and outer surfaces;

a pixel electrode provided on the inner surface of the first panel;
a common electrode provided on the inner surface of the second panel; and
a liquid crystal layer between the first and the second panels, wherein
the liquid crystal layer is vertically aligned in the absence of an electric field,
the pixel electrode and the common electrode each include a plurality of
openings for restricting tilt directions of molecules of the liquid crystal layer, the pixel
electrode including an opening dividing an upper portion of the pixel electrode into
two partitions and the common electrode including an opening having at least two
portions, each of the at least two portions dividing a respective one of the two
partitions when the opening in the common electrode is projected on the pixel
electrode, and
the voltage value of a first gray is equal to or lower than 1.4 V.

16. (currently amended) The liquid crystal display according to claim 15,
wherein the opening dividing the upper portion of the pixel electrode and the at least
two portions extend in the same direction.

17. (previously presented) The liquid crystal display according to claim 15,
wherein the pixel electrode includes a plurality of openings dividing a lower portion of
the pixel electrode into a plurality of partitions.

18. (previously presented) The liquid crystal display according to claim 17,
wherein the common electrode includes at least two openings for respectively

dividing at least two of the plurality of partitions.

19. (currently amended) The liquid crystal display according to claim 17, wherein the common electrode includes at least two openings overlapping at least two of the plurality of partitions for respectively forming at least two edges of the lower portion of the pixel electrode when the at least two openings in the common electrode are projected on the pixel electrode.

20. (currently amended) The liquid crystal display according to claim 15, wherein the opening in the common electrode having at least two portions includes a third portion perpendicular to the at least two portions forming an edge of the pixel electrode when the opening in the common electrode is projected on the pixel electrode.